

Texas—Greg Sherman, professor of physics, Collin College;

Utah—Michael Christiansen, professor of music, Utah State University;

Virginia—Robert Swap, associate professor, University of Virginia;

Washington—Karl Fields, professor of politics and government and Asian studies, University of Puget Sound;

Wisconsin—Gregory S. Aldrete, Frankenthal professor of history and humanistic studies, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; and

West Virginia—Dan Hollis, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, Marshall University.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5934. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

H.R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6570. An act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 743. An act to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1956. An act to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2606. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construc-

tion and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4114. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENTHAL).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5934. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct appeals to the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7985. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards" (FRL No. 9706-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7986. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9731-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to Open Burning Regulations" (FRL No. 9732-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: General and Transportation Conformity and New Source Review Prevention of Significant for Fine

Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)" (FRL No. 9731-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7989. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland-Revision for the Control of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions from Vehicle Refinishing" (FRL No. 9731-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Adhesives and Sealants Rule" (FRL No. 9731-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Revised RD/RA Negotiations Timeline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7992. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; Determinations of Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9749-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7993. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Idaho; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9750-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7994. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Reasonably Available Control Technology Update to Address Control Techniques Guidelines Issued in 2006, 2007, and 2008" (FRL No. 9749-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7995. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Requirements for Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review; Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)" (FRL No. 9747-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7996. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,